



St. Mary Magdalen School

Academically Excellent and Passionately Catholic



Dear Parent,

As we welcome springtime, we hope this letter finds you and your family enjoying the warmer weather and remaining in good health! It certainly has been an unforgettable year, as we all can attest. Our school has undeniably weathered the COVID storm, and our exceptional faculty and staff have kept the students on track educationally and developmentally through productive in-person and virtual classrooms. We are truly blessed to be part of such a dynamic and active Catholic school and parish!

As parents, we hope you are aware that tuition comprises 57% of the school's annual operating budget. The remaining 43% is substantial and must be appropriated through the parish's Mass collections and the school fundraising efforts. Therefore, as a collective school family, we must pursue fundraisers to lessen the burden placed on tuition and parish assistance. This year's fundraising goal is \$400,000. Currently, we have raised less than half of our needed goal. Since the pandemic continues to hamper our ability to hold events, we must find innovative ways to meet the gap. This year, the 'Hawk Heroes' Challenge is the program needed to bridge our fiscal gap.

From now through June 1, our goal is for each student to raise \$500 for St. Mary Magdalen School by challenging themselves with a fitness activity, act of service, educational pursuit, or any other creative initiative that excites them. For families with more than one student enrolled, we encourage a total goal of \$750 per household. The overview guideline for this program is as follows:

- A. Select your child's activity by **April 10**.
- B. Build a list of sponsors supporting your child/family's challenge by **April 25**.
- C. Each child completes his or her activity by **May 25**.
- D. Collect and return your sponsor donations in the enclosed envelope by **June 1**.

Please review the attached packet challenge activity ideas, pledge sheet, collection envelope, and sponsor thank-you cards. Stay tuned for raffle prize opportunities for student participation. When we place our faith in God, we remain confident that through His grace and as a collective faith-filled family, there is no challenge that we can not overcome. Many hands make light work, and together, with our school's devoted faculty and staff, we all have the opportunity to be "Hawk Heroes."

With grateful hearts—

St. Mary Magdalen School Board